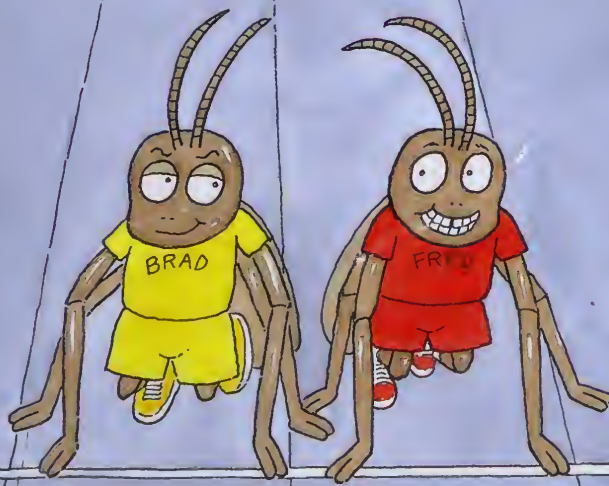


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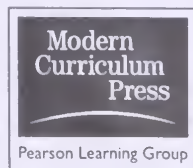
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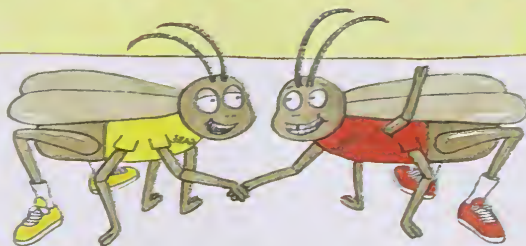
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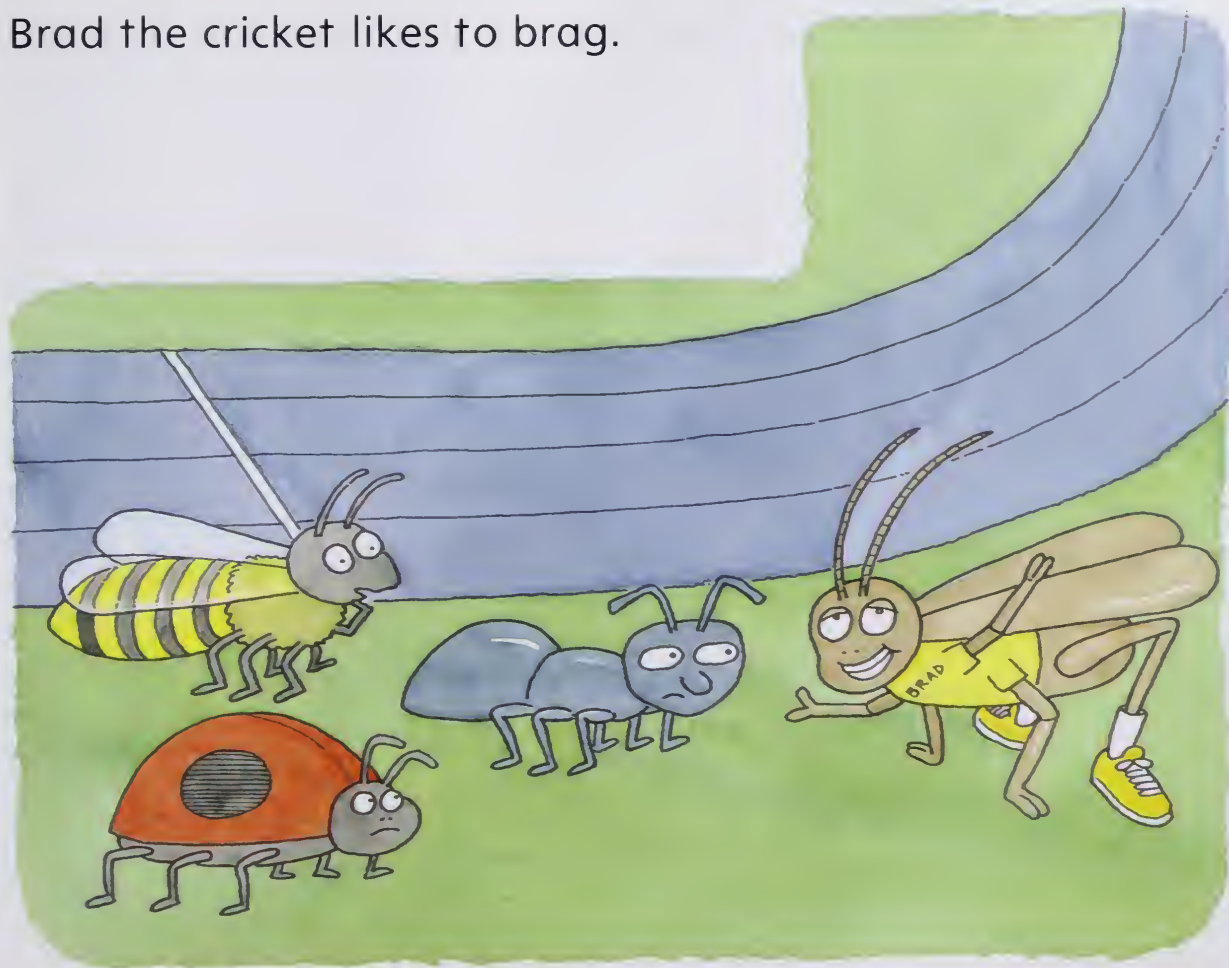
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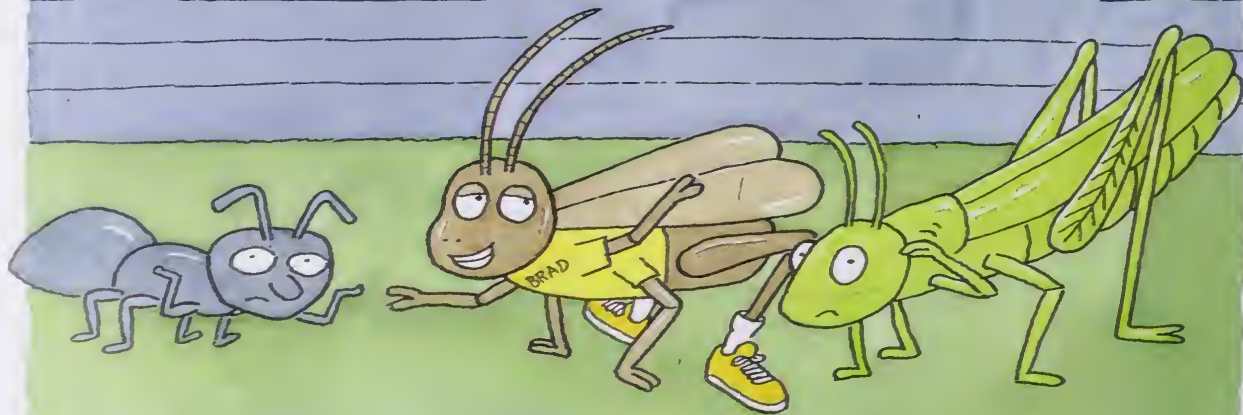
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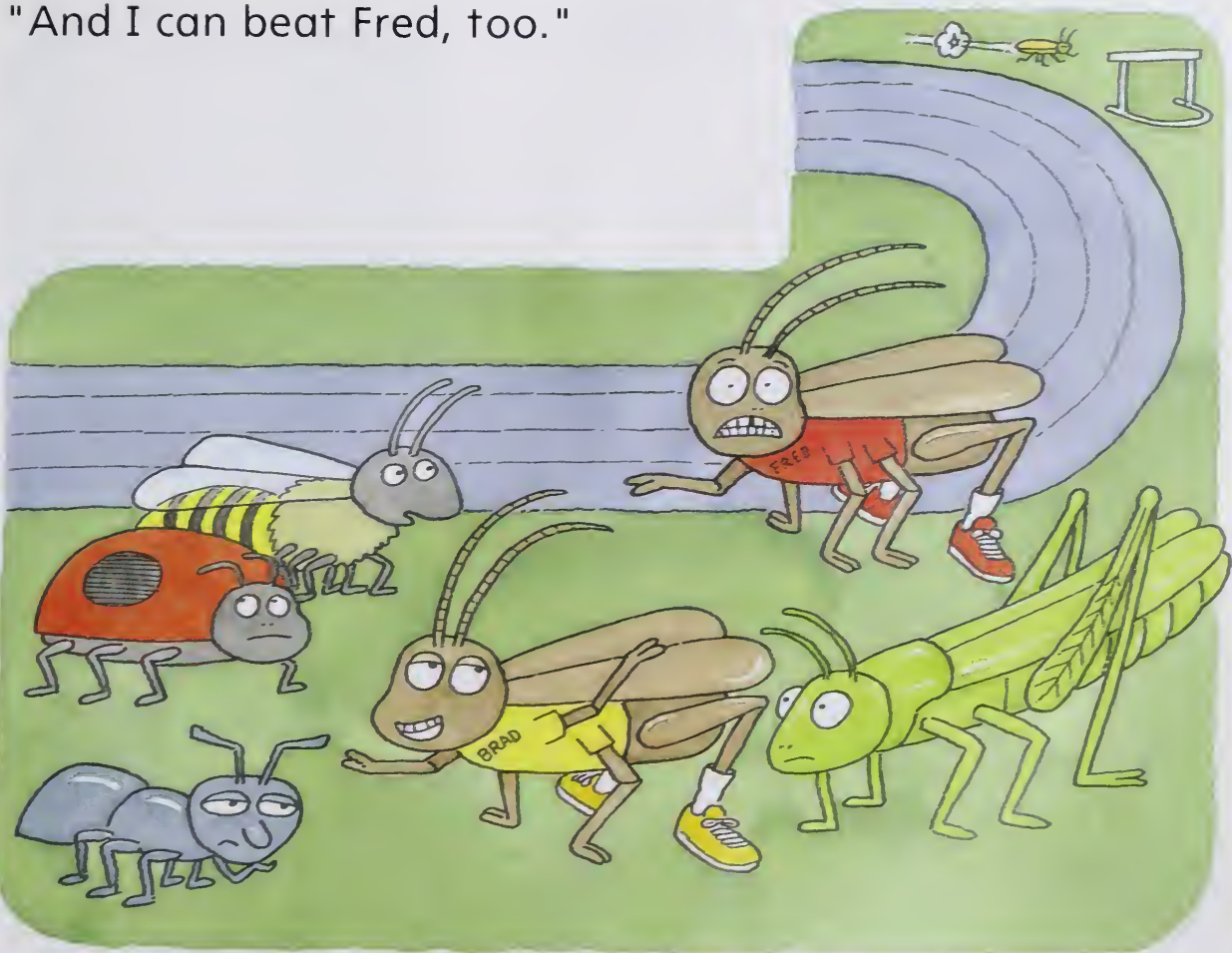


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I can beat Grasshopper.  
I can beat Ant."

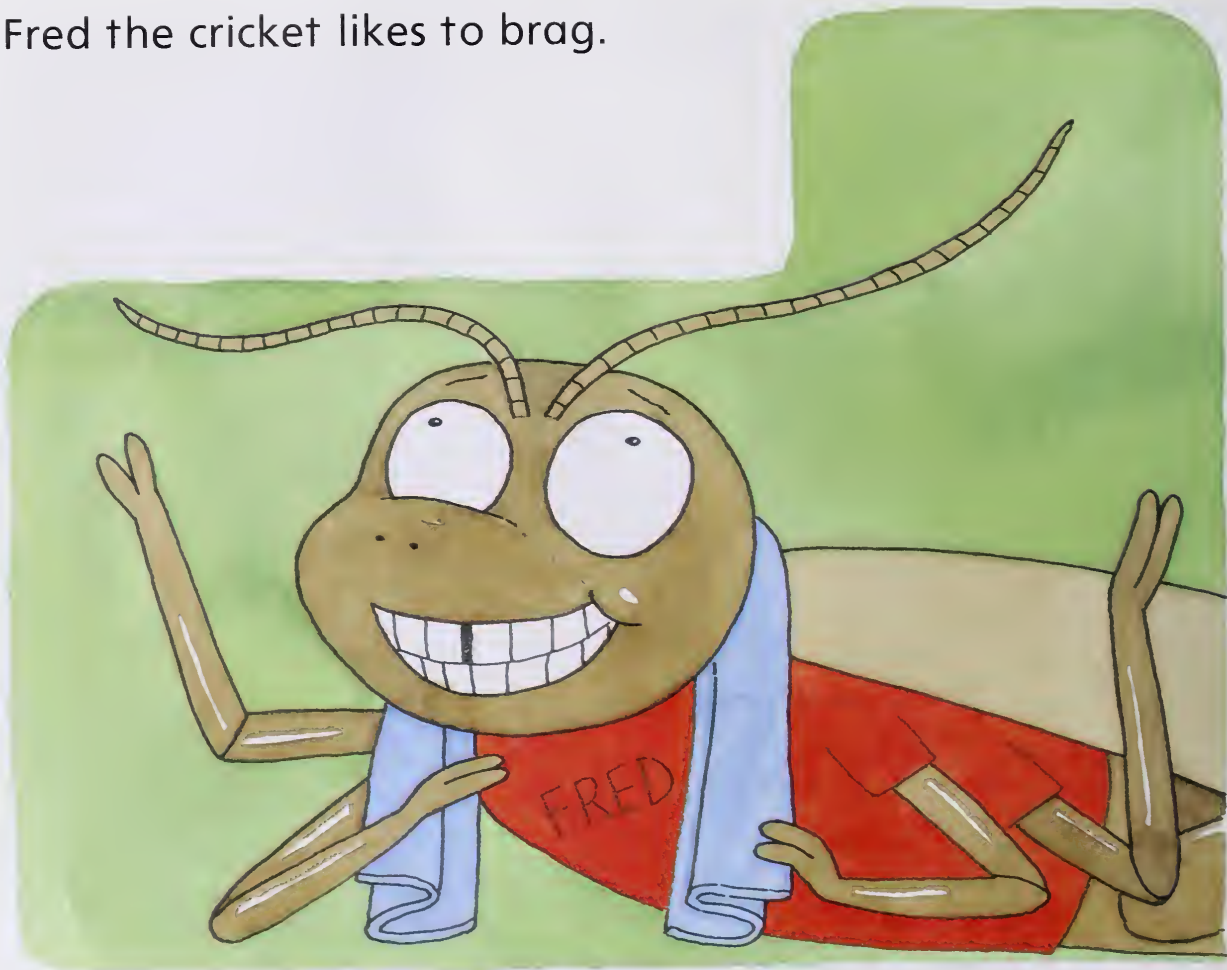




"And I can beat Fred, too."

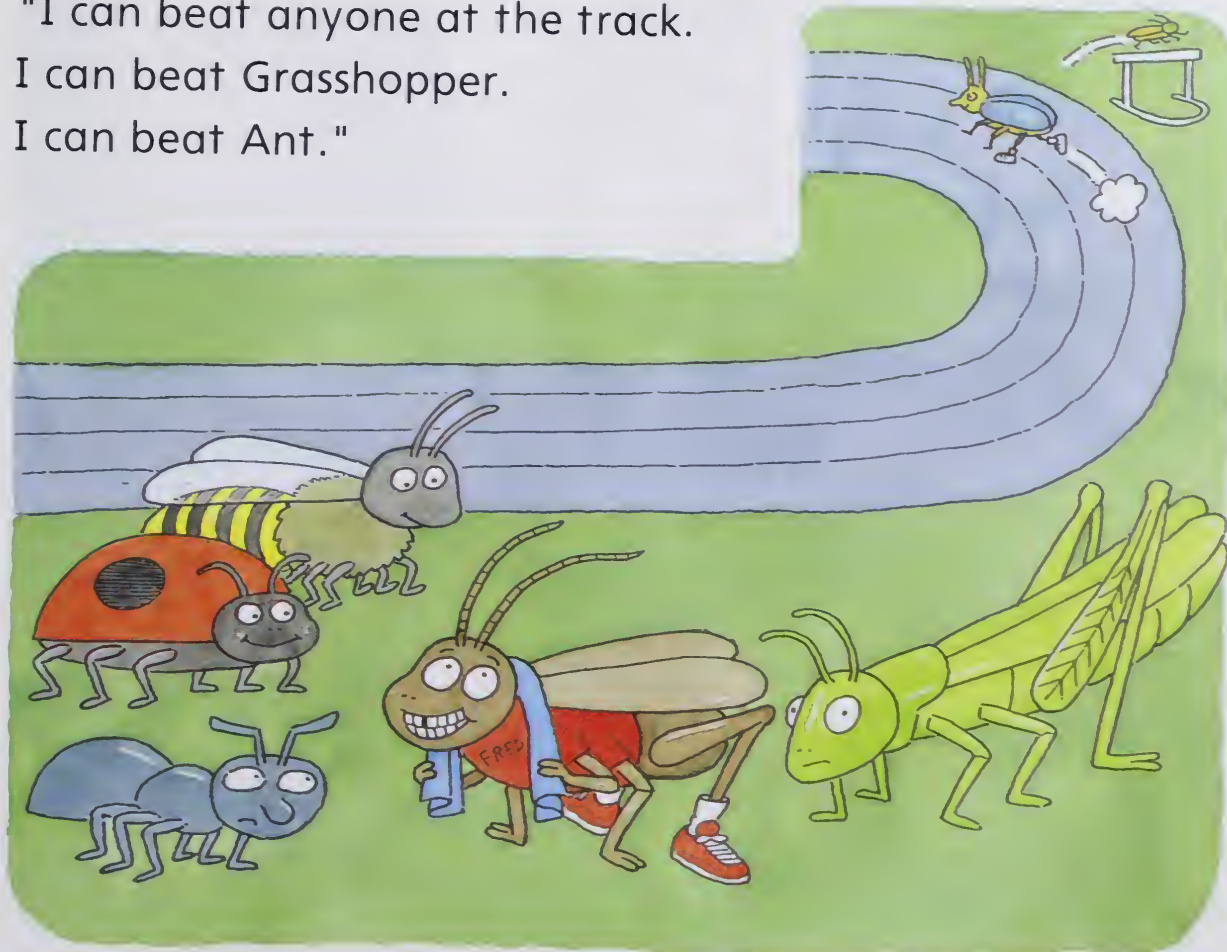


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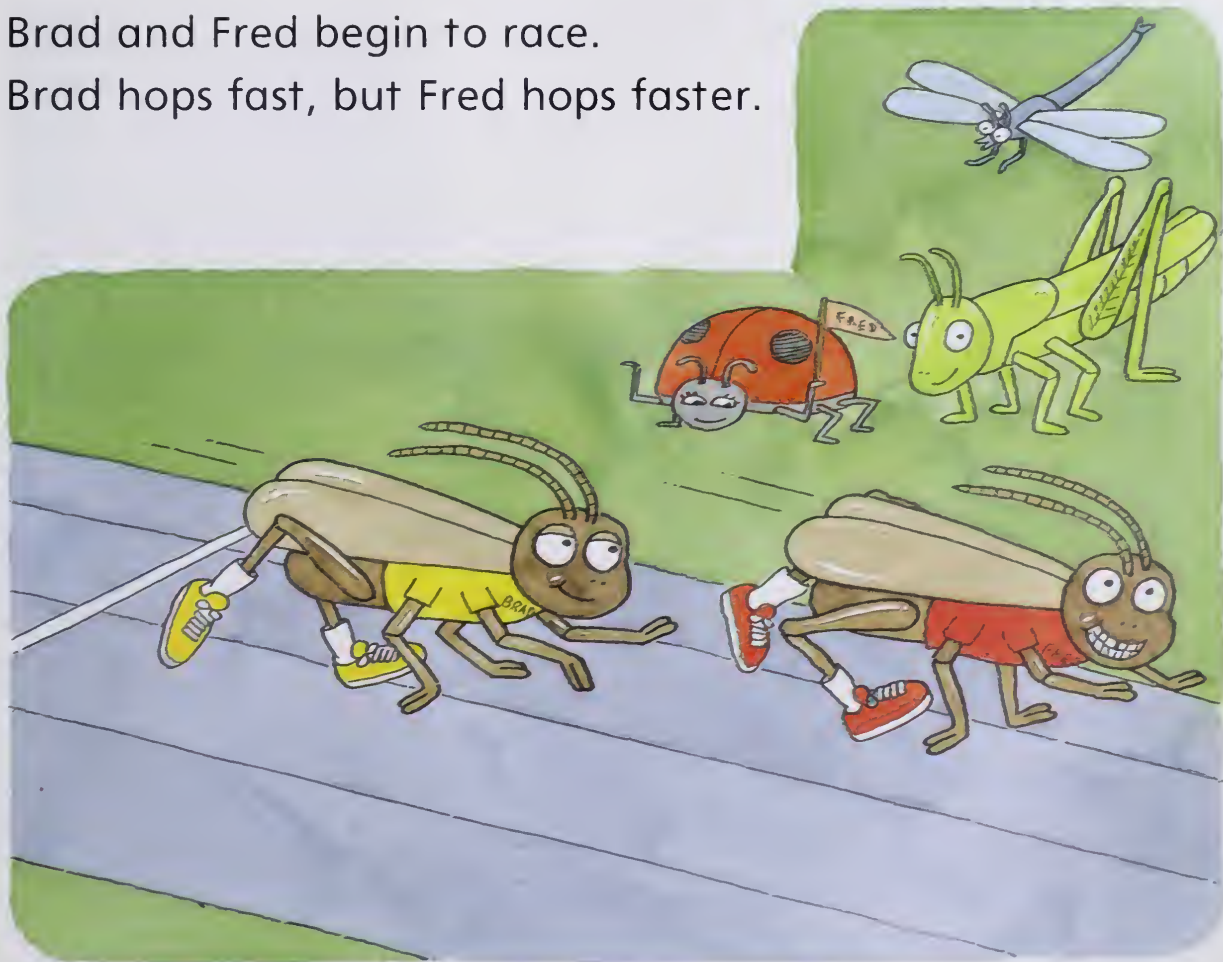
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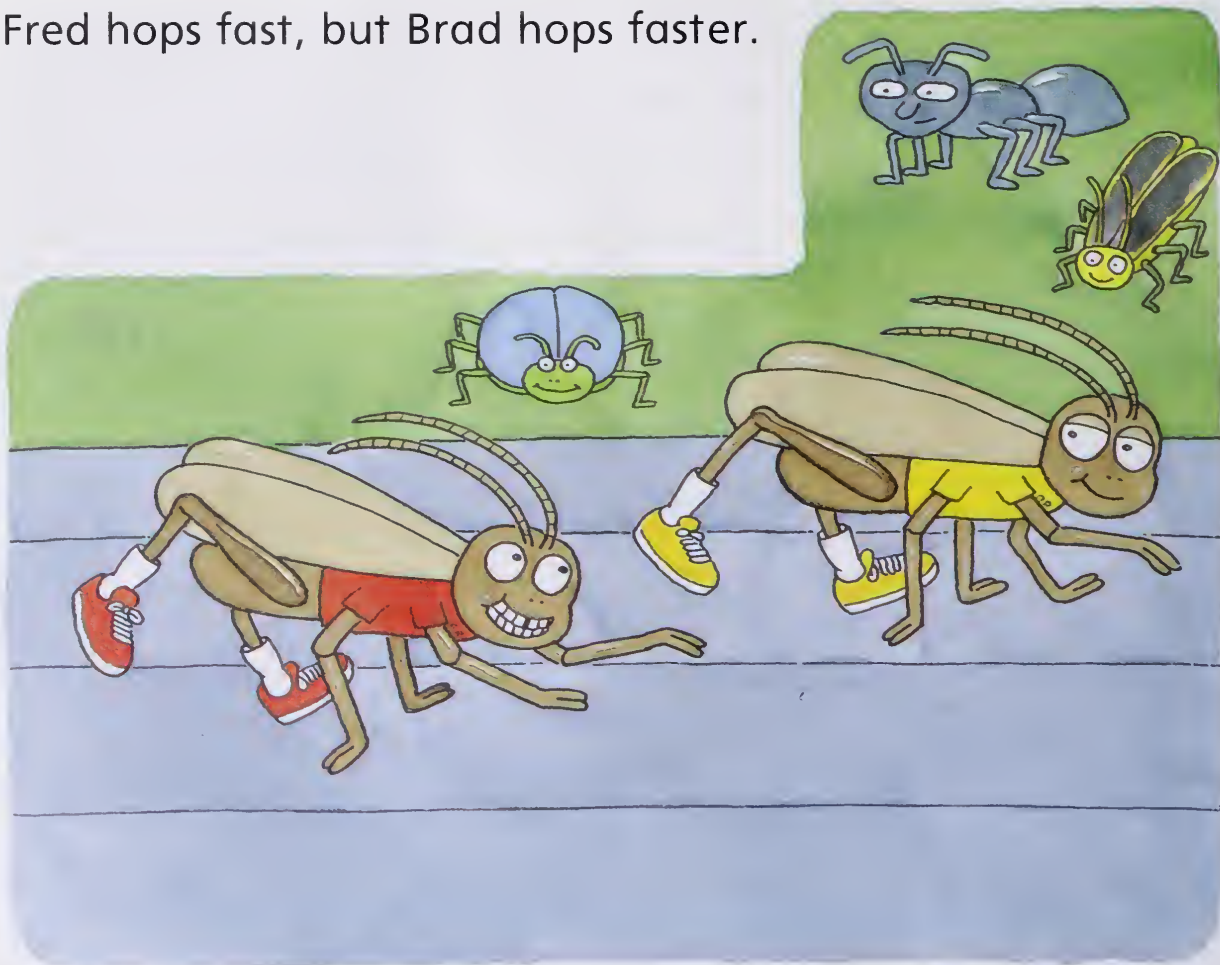
"And I can beat Brad, too."



Brad and Fred begin to race.  
Brad hops fast, but Fred hops faster.



Fred hops fast, but Brad hops faster.



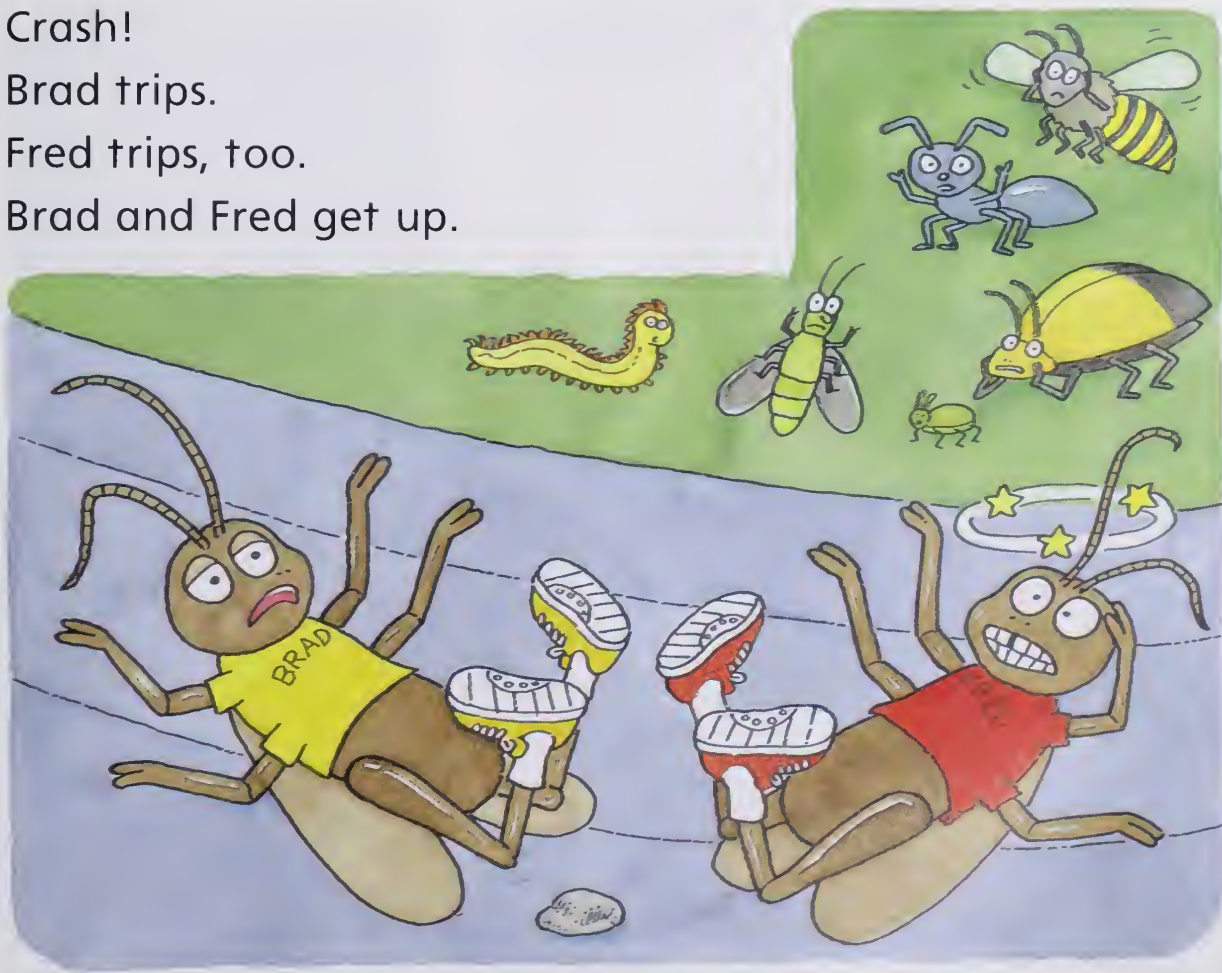


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Brad trips.

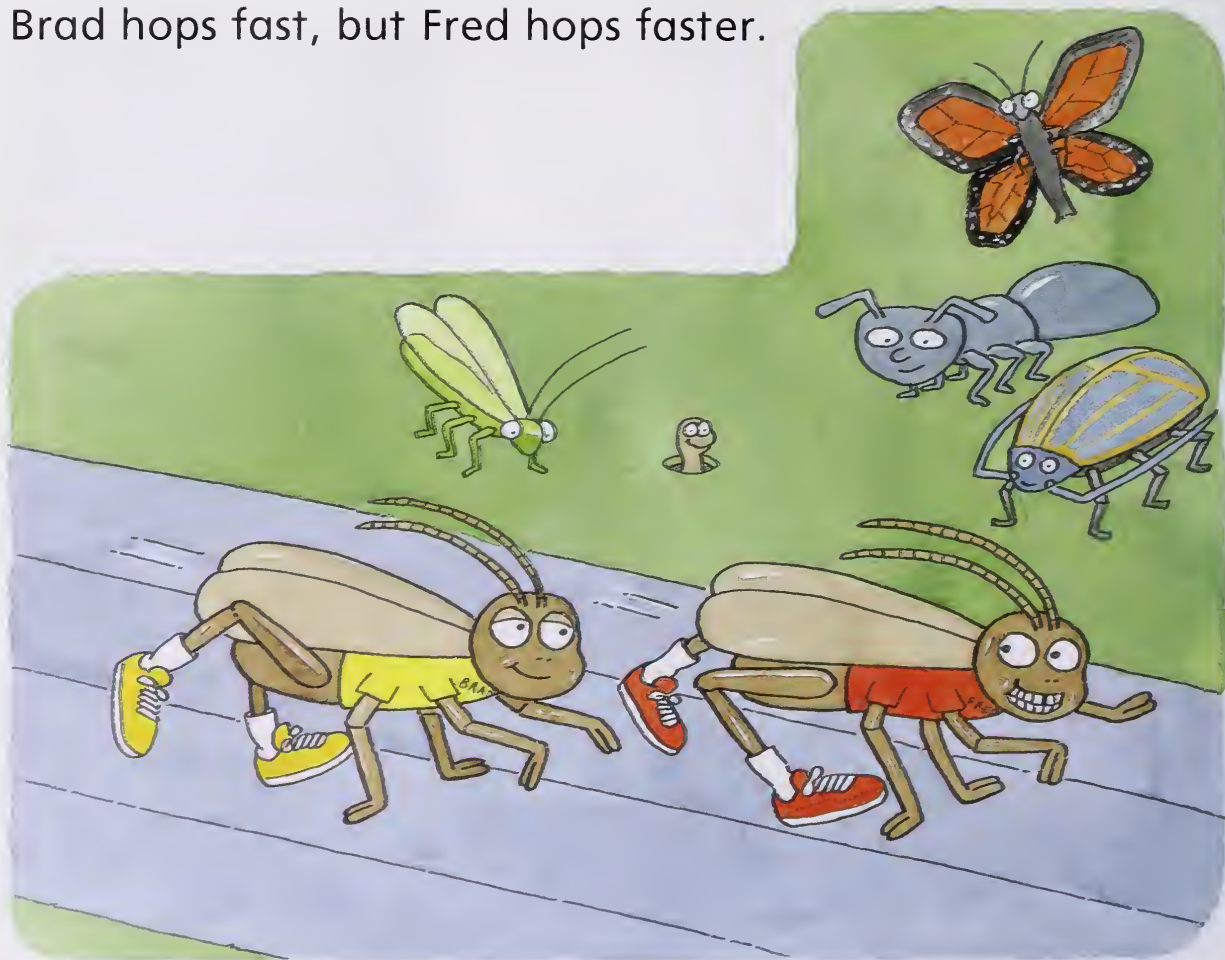
Fred trips, too.

Brad and Fred get up.

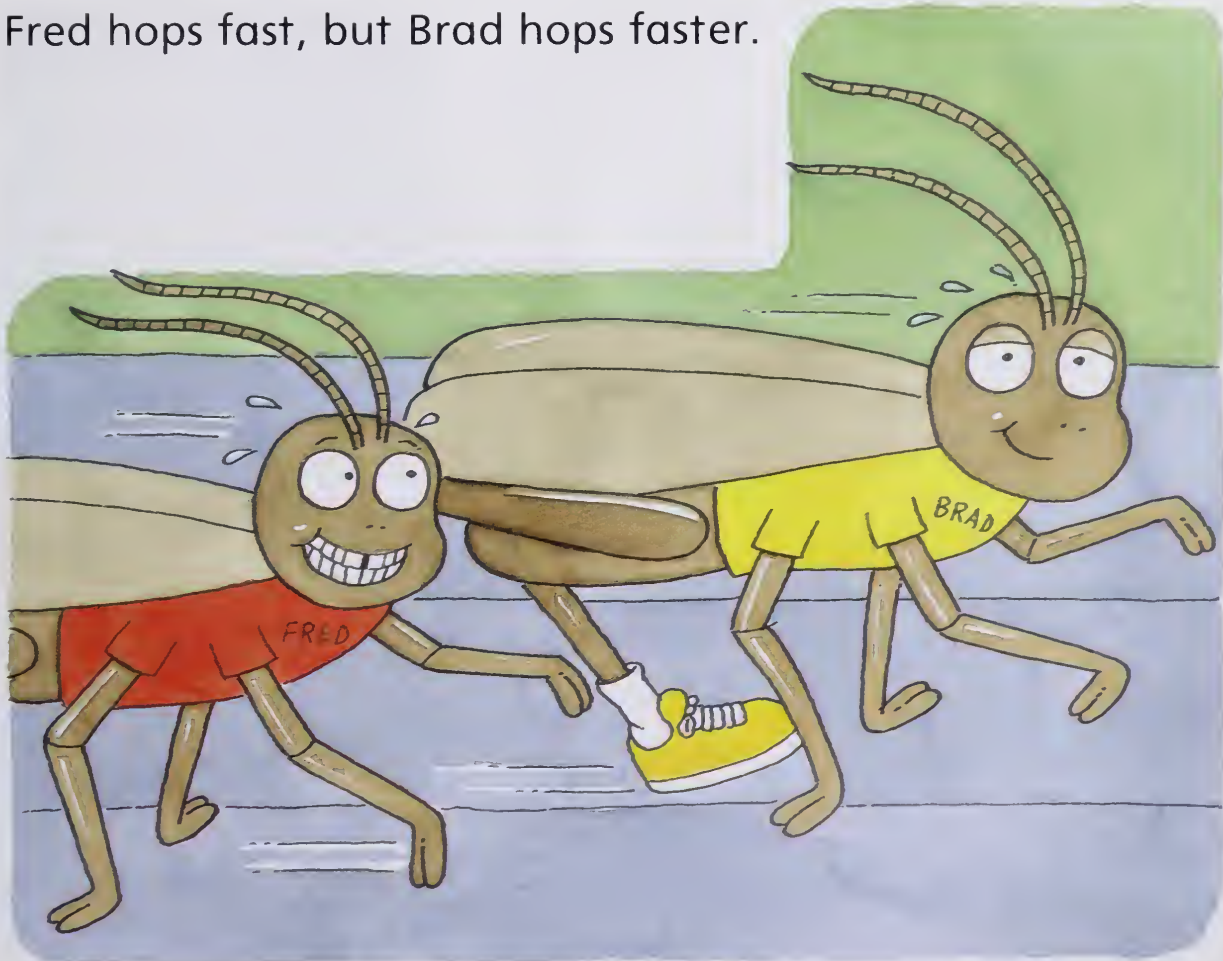




Brad hops fast, but Fred hops faster.



Fred hops fast, but Brad hops faster.



Brad drops.  
Fred drops, too.



Brad and Fred grin.  
"We can beat Grasshopper.  
We can beat Ant."





"But we can't beat each other."





## Word Study

brag

crash

cricket

drops

grasshopper

grins

track

trips

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Can you read these words?

fast

faster

hops

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